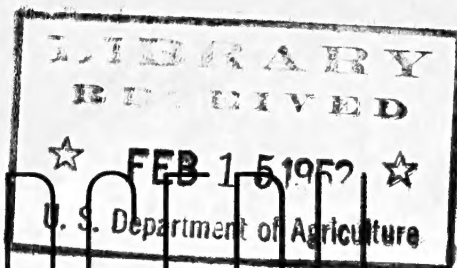


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***Retail Catalogue for 1951***

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## REPORT TO OUR CUSTOMERS

As we look back over this last year, we all want to thank our friends for their interest and helpful suggestions. We hope to continue to serve you to the best of our ability and to produce only good healthy plants for your gardens.

We have a few additions to our personnel — notably Mr. Albin C. Anderson (Andy) who has taken Byron's place — and a black Labrador retriever whose name is Tony and whose only interest in the nursery is anyone who will throw a rock, can, or stick for him to retrieve — don't let him pester you.

Still with us is Mr. Pancho Directo who, as you know, is a mainstay to us — and perhaps you've noticed a young man of 16 around — this is Malcolm Stebbins, who lives with us and goes to Palo Alto High School — much more interested in machinery than plants, however.

*A Special Request:* After five years our mailing list is bound to be inaccurate. Even with our best efforts to reach everybody who is interested — some have changed addresses, some never received and some may not want to receive our catalogue. Be nice people and write, phone or tell us if you wish to continue to receive it. We will have a book available here at the nursery, too, for you to sign up.

Last fall we started, in a small way, printing a monthly news letter — a sort of diary of our cultural procedure and what is in bloom. If any of you would like to receive this news letter — please let us know.

Let us remind you again of our stock planting on the hill — it can give you more information by just looking from time to time, than hundreds of words of description. Come when you can and as often as you can.

Our hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 P.M. daily, except Mondays and legal holidays. In December and January, when you shouldn't be planting perennials anyway, we will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

— Margaret Ward Truax

JANUARY 1951

— Margaret Stebbins

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ORDERING

**GUARANTEE**—We warrant all of our stock to be healthy and as described. We do not assume any liability greater than the original purchase price of the plants. All claims must be made within five days of arrival.

No warranty is given pertaining to growth or behavior of plants after delivery, as conditions are beyond our control.

All prices subject to change without notice.

Practically all of our plants are grown in flats (when available), pots and cans. Unless otherwise noted the following standard prices prevail:—

Fts. (flats) \$3.50

2½'s or 3's (2½ or 3 inch pots) 40¢

4's (4 inch pots) 60¢

g.c. (gallon cans) 80¢

**MINIMUM ORDER** — On orders for less than \$2.50, please add 35¢ for packing and handling charges. No C.O.D.

We do not prepay shipping charges. We ship by insured Parcel Post or Railway Express.

Packing is free.

*Please* — On all orders for delivery within California add 3% sales tax.

Your visit to our nursery to see these plants in bloom is very welcome.

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## GENERAL LIST

Some of you have been disappointed to find no small sizes of the plants you want or to find us sold out. Since we can propagate most of our things only once a year and they will persist in growing bigger as time passes we cannot have small sizes all year round, nor can we always estimate correctly the demand for a particular plant and have it in stock all year. Therefore we are listing usually only one size (occasionally two). We will have smaller and sometimes larger sizes available part of the year — ask us.

*ACHILLEA argentea*—3-4 inch neat cut-leaf silvery mounds, effective all year with white flowers in summer. Does not like too much water, 4's—75¢.

*filipendulina*—3-4 feet, flat heads of yellow, summer, good cut flower, dries well, g.c.

†*tomentosa*—Dwarf to 8 inches with dark green very cut foliage, yellow flowers all year if kept cut. 4's

*AETHIONEMA coridifolium* (*Iberis jucunda*)—4-10 inches, blue-grey fine foliage and pink flowers in spring. 4's—75¢.

*Warley Rose*—4-6 inches, blue green needlelike foliage, rose-pink flowers, spring, like a miniature *Daphne*, likes good drainage. 4's—75¢.

†\**AJUGA reptans*—Ground cover for shade, moisture, evergreen foliage, 3-4 inches, purple-blue spikes. Flats.

*ALYSSUM*—To 1 foot, spring, grey foliage, profuse bloom. Shear back half of foliage after flowering. g.c.—70¢.

*saxatile*—bright yellow.

*saxatile citrinum*—pale lemon-yellow.

\* Indicates plants for shade.    § Indicates herbs.    † Indicates ground covers.



\***ANEMONE japonica**—Sorry, all sold.

**ANTHEMIS Moonlight**—To 2½ feet, blooms profusely all summer, finely cut foliage, good cut flower. Pale, almost cream yellow daisy, very fine new variety. g.c.

\***AQUILEGIA** (Columbine)—to 3 feet, spring and early summer, ferny foliage, sun or shade. The ones listed in g.c. have bloomed once. Others are from seed and most will bloom this year. Cut to ground after flowering and new clean foliage will appear. g.c.

*longissima hybrids*—nice color range.

*Mrs. Scott Elliott hybrids*—wonderful colors and combinations, whites, pinks, blue to red shades.

*Purdy's "My Choice" hybrids*—huge flowers in balanced mixture of colors, superb.

*Supreme Blue Shades*.

**ARABIS**—all dwarf to 4 inches for edging or wall, white flowers, freely produced, early spring, sun, shear severely after flowering.

*albida fl. pl.*—covered with double white flowers, good cut. 4's. Fts.—\$4.50.

*albida variegata*—single white flowers. Its golden variegated foliage and neat habit make this a good color bet all year. 4's—70¢.

**ARENARIA montana**—neat mounds 6-8 inches, profuse large white cups with flower stems slightly trailing, sun. 4's.

#### **ARTEMESIA—**

*albula (Silver King)*—foliage plant to 3½ feet, much branched frosted silver sprays, good cut, any soil, inclined to be invasive. g.c.

§*Dracunculus* (Tarragon)—the famous flavoring herb. 4's — 70¢.

*frigida* (Fringed wormwood)—12 inches, lovely silvery mounds of much cut foliage. g.c. — 90¢.

*pontica* (Roman wormwood)—ferny grey foliage, forms patches of low feathery shoots. g.c.—90¢.

*Purshiana*—to 2 feet, silvery grey. g.c. — 90¢.

#### **DWARF ASTERS—dumosus hybrids.**

1 foot or less, completely covered with flowers, August-September, good edging. These bloom about six weeks. gc. — 70¢.

*Marjorie*—late-blooming rose-pink to 1 foot.

*Nancy*—to 6 inches, lilac blue. Very charming.

#### **HARDY ASTERS (Michaelmas Daisies)**—Lovely autumn-flowering plants, good cut, sun, cut to ground after flowering. g.c.

*Adorable*—Large flower, deep clear pink, 4-4½ feet.

*Beechwood Challenger*—crimson red, 3 feet, August-September.

*Gay Border Blue*—Rich violet-blue with yellow eye, 4 feet.

*Harrington's Pink*—best pink, 3 feet, September.

*Mt. Everest*—3-4 feet, pure white.

*Red Rover*—deep rosy-red with golden center, September.

*Violetta*—violet-purple, very profuse, 3 feet, September.

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**ASTER species—**

*alpinus Goliath*—6-10 inches, May-July, large bluish purple daisies, full sun, superb. g.c.

*Frikartii Wonder of Stafa*—1-2 feet, covered all summer and autumn with lilac blue large daisies, cut to ground after flowering. g.c. — 90¢.

*subcaeruleus Star of Eisenach*—bright lavender-blue flowers 2-3 inches across on 15 inch stems over low basal foliage, good cut, May-July. g.c.

\***AUBRIETA**—lovely early spring edging plants, bloom profusely, give half shade and plenty of water in summer. Shear lightly after flowering for good foliage rest of year. Good for carpeting spring bulbs.

*Eyrui*—rosy-lilac. 4's.

*Purple Knoll*—deep blue-violet, 4's.

*Vindictive*—rose-red, the nearest red we've had so far. 4's.

\***BELLIS** *perennis Dresden China*—dainty miniature English daisy, does not self sow, pale to deep pink, double, very profuse, blooms most of the year, light shade. 4's.

\***CAMPANULA**—profuse blue or white flowers, star shaped, or cup shaped, ranging in height from trailing dwarf to 4 to 6 feet, summer and fall, light shade or sun.

**TRAILING—**

*fragilis*—pale blue, star. 4's.

*haylogensis fl. pl.*—semi-double soft blue. 3's — 50¢. Larger sizes.

*isophylla*—star shaped light blue. 3's — 50¢. Larger sizes.

*isophylla alba*—star-shaped white. 3's — 50¢. Larger sizes.

*isophylla Mayii*—star shaped light blue with grey foliage, 3's — 50¢. Larger sizes.

**DWARF—**

*carpatia*—cup shaped blue. 4's.

*carpatia alba*—white form. 4's.

*Portenschlagiana (muralis)*—Dwarf, purple-blue bells, excellent edging plant. g.c. Flats \$4.80.

*pseudo-Raineri*—6 inches, small bright green foliage and dainty small blue bells all summer. Limited quantity. 4's — 75¢.

*Miranda alba*—6 inches, with small white bells in profusion all summer. Very delicate in quality but strong and hardy. Limited quantity. 4's — 75c.

**TALLER FORMS—**

*persicifolia alba*—3 foot white cup shaped, sure to bloom. g.c.

*persicifolia*—blue cups, g.c.

*poscharskyana*—1 foot, blue starry spikes. 4's.

*pyramidalis*—6 feet, starry spikes of blue. g.c.

*pyramidalis alba*—same as above only white. g.c.

**COTTAGE CARNATIONS**—new race of hardy carnations, grassy foliage, spicily fragrant, June-October, 2-2½ inch flowers on 15 inch sturdy stems. These are excellent garden subjects. 4's — 75¢.

*Cynthia*—gardenia-like flower of pure shrimp-pink.

*Lucia*—deep rose-pink with sharply edged petals.

*Salmon Unique*—a good clean mid-pink, in spite of its name.

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*Sylvia*—pale rose-pink edged silvery white.

*American Beauty*—15-18 inches, large spicy salmon to red flowers, excellent cut, blooms all the time except in very cold weather.

**CARNATIONS**—As we said last year we have been trying out various types for hardiness, good habit, colors and especially for outdoor growth. The ones listed below are the first fruit of this study. It will be realized that due to very limited stock plantings, there will be very few plants available for sale, but come in and see them. All are long bloomers and excellent cut flowers. 4's — 75¢.

*Mrs. Hillyer Brown*—a good medium pink, habit is floppy, but if unstaked it will form a mound. June-November.

*Outdoor Red*—excellent habit, scarlet, very popular with the male sex.

*Will Rogers*—deep velvety red, darker than *Outdoor Red*, profuse bloomer, also a popular buttonhole subject.

**CENTAUREA candidissima** (Dusty Miller)—(Also see "Senecio.")—thick silvery white foliage, to 10 inches. g.c. — 90¢.

†**CERASTIUM tomentosum** ("Snow-in-Summer")—dwarf, small grey foliage, profuse white bloom in summer, good ground cover, shear severely after flowering. Fts.

**CERATOSTIGMA**—one of the best fall blues, good reddish autumn color in foliage.

†\**plumbaginoides*—hardy, 1 foot, ground cover, shade. g.c.

*Willmottianum*—2 feet, a bushy type which should have a mound of leaves at base in cold climates. Blooms profusely in fall with lovely true deep blue small flowers all along stems. g.c. — 90¢.

†**CHAMOMILE**—Ground cover, light green creeping and spreading mossy effect, may be walked on as much as lawn and gives off aromatic fragrance. Must be cut and rolled a few times a year to look well. Fts.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM maximum** (Shasta Daisy)—profuse white daisy flowers summer and fall, good cut.

var. *Beauté Nivelloise*—2-2½ feet, fringed double petalled white up to 7 inches across, very fine. g.c.

var. *Esther Read*—1-1½ feet, double crested white. g.c. — 70¢.

var. *G. Marconi*—fully double fringed large flowers, 2-3 feet. g.c.

var. *Chiffon*—2 feet, fringed, quilled and curled petals give very fluffy effect. g.c.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM Mawii**—to 1½ feet, most charming with green cut-leaf foliage, literally covered with dusty pink daisies from April to Nov. 4's.

**CLEMATIS**—CLIMBING TYPE

*Henryi*—deciduous, climbing to 10 feet, huge 6 inch white blooms, 2-3 times a year if cut back after each flowering. Cut to ground early spring. g.c. — \$1.80.

*Ramona*—deciduous, climbing to 10 feet or more, large pale blue flowers 2-3 times a year if treated like *Henryi*. g.c. — \$1.80.

*Mme. Eduouard André*—deciduous, climbing to 8 feet, lovely rich red flowers. g.c. — \$1.80.

*Armandii*—evergreen, vigorous climber to 20 feet or more, pure white fragrant flowers in clusters in spring. g.c. — \$3.50.

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*Clematis culture*—good drainage, cut back deciduous ones to within 8 inches of ground for second and third crop of flowers—feed when cut back with a good all-round general fertilizer.

**CLEMATIS—HERBACEOUS TYPE**

*integrifolia*—2 feet, June-July, deep blue tubular flowers, deliciously fragrant, followed by ornamental seed heads. g.c. — \$1.25.

**CONVOLVULUS—**

*Cneorum*—2 feet, silvery-grey foliage and profuse pure white flowers one inch across all over the shrub June-October, drought resistant. g.c. — \$1.25.

*mauritanicus*—trailer, profuse lavender-blue flowers, May-Oct. g.c.—90¢.

\***CYCLAMEN *ibericum* (*persicum*)**—this is the parent from which the florist cyclamen comes and is a good garden subject for shade, with various colored flowers in early spring for a long season. 4's — 75¢.

**DELPHINIUM** Vetterle and Reinelt Strain. g.c. — 70¢.

*Black Knight*—deepest velvety purple.

*Blue Jay*—clear medium to deep blue.

*Galahad*—white

**DIANTHUS**—all low growing, profuse bloom, long season. 4's — 70¢.

*Bobby*—an excellent compact growing gem with glaucous foliage and single deep pink flowers with crimson centers, 8 inches, April-November, good cut.

*glacialis albus*—tiny needle-like green tufts and white fragrant flowers, 6 inches. 3's — 60¢.

*latifolius Beatrix*—pink double flowers in clusters for 9 months. Must be established to bloom well. Shear back in October or November half of green foliage to prevent straggly plants. 4's.

*latifolius Beatrix alba*—white form of above. 4's.

*Little Joe*—blue-grey foliage tufts from which spring 6-8 inch stems bearing flaming crimson red single flowers, April until November.

*Mrs. Dina Weller*—very compact growth covered with lavender-pink flowers with much deeper center ring, 6-inch, blooms May and June.

*noeanus*—densely tufted green foliage, very dwarf, flowers to 10 inches high, white and fragrant, most attractive. 4's — 75¢.

*Peggy*—this is one you must have. Soft pink semi-double flowers and blue-grey foliage, 12 inches. Blooms March-November.

*Purity*—a good companion to the above. Dbl. pure white flowers, 12 inches.

*Rose Cushion*—a miniature with quantities of tiny pinks 4 inches above cushions of foliage.

*Tiny Rubies*—4-5 inch stems of rose pink carnation-like flowers. Striking.

*Wallace Red*—we have a good stock of this sensational new Dianthus. 10 inches, in bloom April-November, brilliant crimson red double flowers of good size and substance, compact growth of blue-grey foliage.

*Winteri*—wonderful range of free flowering colors, single, with darker center zone, blue-grey foliage. fts.

\***DICENTRA *formosa Sweetheart***—12-15 inches, everblooming white bleeding heart, fragrant, shade. 4's — \$1.25.

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- DIMORPHOTHECA ecklonis**—2-3 feet, profuse single white daisies with blue center and mauve reverse, 3 inches across, blooms most all the time, but tender, less so when woody. g.c.
- \***DORONICUM caucasicum magnificum**—Gerbera-like flowers of clear yellow on 2 foot stems, excellent cut, shade, spring. 4's, g.c.
- †**DUCHESNEA indica**—an excellent vigorous ground cover with yellow flowers and bright red fruit held above foliage. Belongs to strawberry family. Bare root to order 6¢ each in lots of 100 or more.
- ECHINACEA** (formerly *Rudbeckia*) *purpurea The King*— at last we have enough of this handsome plant to offer for sale. Large 4 inch star-like dusty rose flowers with dark central cone on 4-5 foot stiff stems, excellent cut, sun. Gives a distinctly stylized and modernistic effect. g.c. — 90¢.
- ERIGERON The Quakeress**—1½ feet, blooms freely 9 months of the year, with lavender-pink large aster-like flowers, indispensable, excellent cut. g.c.
- ERYSIMUM Menziesii**—admired by all who saw it last year. Starts bloom in January and continues until very cold weather. Keep seed pods cut. The plant makes a mound 1 foot high and wide and covers itself with fragrant, creamy chartreuse flowers. 4's.
- pulchellum*—lovely bright green foliage and bright yellow flowers. 6-8 inches, spring, 4's.
- \*†**EUPHORBIA myrsinites**—spreading and trailing, with striking blue-green stiff foliage and chartreuse flower heads in spring and summer. Sun or part shade. g.c. 90¢.
- FELICIA petiolata rosea**—pink daisies on trailing stems, good hanging basket. 4's.
- †**FESTUCA ovina var. glauca**—excellent blue-grey ornamental grass to 8 inches. Can be used as specimen accent or for ground cover. Fairly drought-resistant. Fts., \$4.00.
- †\***FRAGARIA chiloensis**—strawberry ground cover with large 1 inch white flowers, sun or shade. Flats.
- \***FRANCOA ramosa**—white or faintly tinged pink long thin spikes, to 2 feet, in summer, from good evergreen basal rosettes of leaves, shade. g.c.
- GAILLARDIA grandiflora**—2 feet, cuts well, profuse bloom April to November. Variety *Burgundy* comes from seed and is not entirely true to color but all are good, full. g.c.
- Burgundy*—deep wine-red.
- Sun-God*—pure yellow, very free blooming.
- §**GERANIUM**—scented ones only. 3's — 50¢, 4's.
- Lemon-scented*—*Pelargonium crispum*—crinkly crisp light green leaves, small pink flowers.
- Lime scented*—toothed, roundish medium-green stiff foliage.
- Rose scented*—*Pelargonium graveolens*—cut leaved foliage.
- Nutmeg scented*—*Pelargonium fragrans*—soft textured roundish foliage with slight greyish cast.
- Peppermint scented*—larger and more cut and divided leaves than *Rose-scented*.

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**GLAUCIUM flavum**—an excellent orange-yellow poppy, makes a spread of 3 feet and is about 2½ feet tall, glaucous foliage. g.c. — 90¢.

#### GROUND COVERS—

In spite of all our efforts we have not yet been able to meet demand on some of the ground covers listed—notably *Vinca minor*, and *Vinca minor Bowles' var.* We hope that our friends will realize that it takes four months to a year to get good saleable stock of these items. Last fall and this spring we are enlarging our stock plantings of these plants.

#### GYPSOPHILA—

*Bristol Fairy*—graceful airy mounds of double white flowers May and June, excellent cut flower, to 3 feet high and wide. g.c. — 90¢.

*repens Bodgeri Rosy Veil*—dwarf double pink to 15 inches all summer. 4's — 70¢.

*repens rosea*—very flat with dainty single pink tiny flowers in profusion, May-October. 4's.

†**HELIANTHEMUM**—Mostly prostrate evergreen shrublets, blooming profusely in April and May, most drop day's bloom by noon except where noted, good for banks, edging, ground cover, shear severely after flowering. 4's, Fts. to order only — \$5.00.

*American Beauty*—bright red, green foliage.

*appeninum var. roseum*—very grey foliage, soft rose flowers.

*Apricot*—rose-peach, prostrate, bright green foliage.

*Apricot double*—new, lovely double apricot flowers, bright shiny green foliage.

*Ben Ledi*—large flowers of crimson lake, green foliage.

*Ben Nevis*—flattest grower of all and slower, deep yellow with dark center.

*Boule de Feu (Fireball)*—double red, blooms last all day and have longer season.

*Ball of Gold*—same as above only double yellow.

*Brunette*—pale dusty red, deep scarlet center.

*Buttercup*—clear golden-yellow, bright light green foliage, this one holds bloom all day.

*Burnt Orange*—tawny-orange semi-double, very prostrate with dark green foliage.

*Goldilocks*—largest blooms of all, bright yellow, medium grey foliage.

*Jock Scott*—large tomato-red, stiff habit, dark green foliage.

*Saint Mary's*—pure white.

*Seattle*—bronze.

*Stanford*—cardinal-red.

*Sunlite*—new, bright green shiny foliage and lovely large sunny yellow flowers. Stock limited.

*Wisley Primrose*—lovely large pale primrose yellow flowers, medium grey foliage.

**HELENIUM Riverton Gem**—Old gold. Excellent tall-growing late-blooming plant, good cut, 3-4 feet. g.c.

**HELIOTROPE Black Beauty**—definitely a pot plant needing greenhouse protection with us in winter, but stunning with its deep violet purple flowers and dark green foliage. 4's.

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\***HELLEBORUS niger** (Christmas Rose)—to 1½ feet, creamy white single flowers at Christmas time, good cut. Give shade and plenty of summer watering. Available in 4 inch pots at 75¢, g.c. \$1.00. These will not bloom this year.

*corsicus*—2½ feet high and wide, an interesting plant with stiff prickly edged, blue-green foliage and creamy chartreuse flowers about Easter time. Excellent for shade. g.c. \$1.25.

\***HEMEROCALLIS**—Day lilies, shade or sun, any soil.

*Cressida*—deep orange self, June-July, evergreen foliage. g.c. — 90¢.

*Dawn*—rose with smoky grey effect, 30 inches. August. g.c. — 90¢.

*Hyperion*—40 inches, July-August, finest pale yellow, fragrant, cuts well. g.c. — \$1.20.

*Margaret Perry*—48 inches. July-August, very large deep orange-scarlet. g.c. — 90¢.

**HERBS**—We are constantly adding to our list of perennial herbs. These are marked in the body of the list with a §. We are trying to include all present-day culinary herbs and a few others (medicinal, etc.) which are a curiosity or are decorative in themselves. Ask us if the kind you want is not listed.

\***HEUCHERA sanguinea**—old fashioned Coral Bells, 1-1½ feet, June-Sept., shade or sun, good edging plant with evergreen foliage mounds. 4's. *Perry's White* — creamy to pure white bells, combines well with red, 4's — 70¢.

**HUNNEMANIA fumariaefolia Sunlite** (Mexican Tulip poppy)—to 2 feet, glaucous foliage and large cup-shaped yellow flowers to 3 inches across, sun and drainage. Like all poppies it does not like to be moved therefore we supply in 2½ inch pots at 40¢. g.c. — 90¢.

**IBERIS**—to 1 foot, evergreen dark green foliage, profuse early spring bloomers, good cut.

*gibraltarica*—a sheet of lavender. 4's.

*sempervirens*—pure white, spreading. 3's.

*Sempervirens Little Cushion*—very compact little cushion-like balls, covered with white flowers in early spring. 3's — 50¢.

*sempervirens Snowflake*—More compact, larger white flower. 4's — 70¢.

\*†**IVY** (*Hedera*)—English, variegated, small leaved types for shade or sun, use for ground covers, vines, pot plants.

*English*—Flats of 100 — \$7.00; Rooted plants per 100 — \$6.00.

*English variegated*—g.c. — \$1.00.

*Small leaved various including Hahn's*—make good pot plants. 4's — 70¢, Fts. — \$7.00.

§**LAVANDULA officinalis** (English)—grey foliage, fragrant flowers. Aromatic fragrant lavender-blue flowers. 3's. g.c. — \$1.25.

\***LILIUM formosanum philippinense**—to 7 feet, pure white large flowers like Easter lily, but blooms in August and Sept., good cut, fragrant, one of the easiest lilies in this climate. Light shade or sun. g.c. — \$1.25. (Two large or 3 medium bulbs.)

**LINUM narbonense** (Blue Flax) — 2 feet, summer, azure-blue flowers, remain open all day. g.c.

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- LOTUS *corniculatus fl. pl.*—to 2 inches, trailing, sun and plenty of water, bright yellow pea-flowers. This has not bloomed here at the nursery as yet. 4's.
- mascaensis*—silvery shrub to 1 foot, bright yellow pea-flowers, drought resistant, tender. 4's.
- Bertholottii*—green stems and needle-like leaves with slight grey cast, flowers pea-shaped orange scarlet, used for hanging basket where effective even out of flower. Tender. 4's.
- LYCHNIS(?) *double pink*—this name may not be correct, but the plant is very good. Rosettes of foliage with foot high flower stalks with several double pink flowers. Blooms almost constantly. New. Stock limited. 4's — 70¢.
- †\*LYSIMACHIA *nummularia*—leafy trailing stems of emerald green, flowers like little yellow primroses in June-August. Ground cover for shade, plenty of water, tops may winter kill in cold spells, but plant is hardy. 4's.
- LYTHRUM *superbum Morden's Pink*—3-3½ feet. Masses of rose pink flowers on narrow spikes. This is an excellent cut flower and blooms June-October. Full sun. g.c.
- §MAJORANA *hortensis* (Pot Marjoram) — famous cooking herb. Rather handsome, 1 foot, small shrub. 3's.
- MALVASTRUM *coccineum*—to 1 foot, foliage like a wild Geranium and coral red flowers most of the year. Makes a huge mound 4 or more feet across—give plenty of room. Shear back severely. 4's.
- MATRICARIA *Golden Ball* (*Chrysanthemum Parthenium*)—A dwarf to 18 inches with double yellow button flowers in profusion in summer and fall. Does not seed itself all over like common feverfew. g.c.
- †MATRICARIA *Tchihatchewii* (Turfig Daisy)—an excellent ground cover from Asia Minor. White daisy flowers like Marguerites in spring and summer above the mat of cut-leaf foliage. Flats.
- §MELISSA *officinalis* (Lemon Balm)—2 feet, delicious lemon-scented herb for teas and beverages. Sun and part shade. 3's.
- \*§MENTHA or MINT—used in teas and cooling beverages, all except *Requienii* are likely to be invasive. All like moisture and will do well in shade. 3's.
- piperata*—peppermint.
- piperata citrata*—orange mint.
- Requienii*—tiny leaves, ground cover but slow. Freezes out but reseeds.
- rotundifolia*—apple mint.
- spicata*—spearmint.
- MIMULUS *hybrids*—these native plants are rather like a Penstemon in habit and are probably slightly tender, especially when young. They range from pure white through beige, pink, salmon, to deep wine reds. They bloom freely and constantly through summer and fall and should be sheared halfway in the fall. g.c.
- §NEPETA—
- mussini*—trailer, April-November, profuse lavender-blue spikes. Shear after flowering for further bloom. Flats, g.c.
- Souvenir André Chaudron*—to 1½ feet. An excellent upright Nepeta with deep blue spikes and green foliage. g.c.

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† **NIEREMBERGIA rivularis**—3-4 inches, white cup-shaped flowers in profusion in summer. Dies back in cold winters, but comes back in spring. Flats — \$5.00.

**OENOTHERA cheiranthifolia**—very handsome grey foliage and myriads of yellow flowers all summer and fall, prostrate stems make the plant look like a huge mound. Reaches 1 foot high and 2 feet wide. 3's.

*missouriensis*—prostrate stems to 2 feet wide and 10 inches high with lovely clear yellow flowers 3-5 inches across, in profusion. g.c.

*Youngii*—2 feet, June-August, reddish stems, good green foliage and a profusion of bright yellow flowers about 1-1½ inches across. g.c.

**PENSTEMON**—Indispensable, bloom April-frost, spikes of foxglove-like tubular flowers. g.c.

**TENDER ONES—**

*Appleblossom*

**HARDY ONES—**

*Blue Bedder*—spreading, prostrate with blue to lavender flowers.

*Firebird*—3 feet, fire red.

*Garnet*—2-2½ feet, garnet red.

*Rose Elf*—new. Smaller flowers than the other types listed, of a lovely coral-pink on erect stems 1½-2 feet. This one, unlike any others listed, may be divided. Blooms summer and fall profusely. Everyone who saw this in bloom at the nursery fell for it. Stock limited. 4's — 70¢.

**PHLOX *Paniculata*** (Hardy Phlox)—these rarely do as well here as in the East due to our long dry summers. Give them light shade, rich soil, and plenty of water. All varieties, bare root — 50¢, g.c. — 90¢.

*Africa*—2½ feet, deep scarlet.

*Daily Sketch*—salmon-pink, crimson eye, 3 feet.

*E. I. Farrington*—3 feet, salmon pink.

*Leo Schlageter*—brilliant scarlet with orange cast, 3 feet, recommended by Sunset magazine.

*Lillian*—2-3 feet, beautiful soft pink, early and continuous bloomer.

*Marie Louise*—2-2½ feet, the best pure white. Large pure waxy white florets on big flower heads. Clean glossy dark green foliage.

*World Peace*—New. Foliage like Miss Lingard, strong sturdy stems carry huge heads of pure white.

**PHLOX *subulata* or *nivalis*** (Moss pink, Trailing Phlox, or Dwarf Phlox)—all need perfect drainage and to be cut back ½ after flowering. A light top dressing of gritty loam is good, too. 4's — 75¢.

*Camla*—10 inches or less, bright rose pink, profuse, spring.

*The Bride*—4-6 inches, imported from Canada, pure white.

*Bridesmaid*—4-6 inches, imported from Canada, lovely soft pink.

**PHYSOSTEGIA *Summer Glow***—4 feet, June-August, 18 inch spikes of lavender-rose flowers, glistening green foliage. g.c.

*Summer Snow*—3 feet, June-August, pure glistening white, both this and above are good cut. g.c.

*Vivid*—dwarf to 2 feet, good rose pink, sturdy stems. g.c.

**PLATYCODON** (Chinese Bellflower)—rather like the Campanula, flowers in shades of blue and white, all summer. Must be established to do well. g.c.

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*grandiflorum*—clear deep violet blue, to 2½ feet.

*grandiflorum album*—white form of above.

*grandiflorum Mariesii*—to 1½ feet, large blue flowers.

*grandiflorum Mariesii alba*—white form.

*grandiflorum Shell Pink*—lovely pale pink cups with deeper veining.

\***POLEMONIUM Blue Pearl**—6-8 inches, dwarf Jacob's Ladder. Truly charming with lovely bright green ferny foliage and light blue flowers in late spring. Shade or sun. 4's — 70¢. Stock limited.

**POTENTILLA cinerea**—2-4 inches, a dainty tufted creeper with butter-yellow stemless flowers in spring and summer. 4's.

*nepalensis Miss Willmott*—we have not seen this old favorite listed for a long time. It has good clean green foliage, grows about 1-1½ feet high; produces quantities of scarlet single flowers. g.c.

\***REHMANNIA angulata**—one of the most colorful perennials for shade, deep rose tubular flowers in spikes, summer and fall, cut to ground after flowering. g.c.

*cream*—this cream-colored form of above is most unusual and attractive, blooms from early spring to late fall. g.c.

#### §ROSMARINUS—

*officinalis*—true Rosemary for flavoring, evergreen shrub to 2 feet, foliage with greyish cast, flowers lavender in spikes in summer. g.c. 90¢.

†*officinalis prostratus*—prostrate or trailing form of above. An excellent combination herb and ground cover — one plant will spread 3-4 feet. g.c. — 90¢. Flats to order only.

†*officinalis prostratus Forrestii*—bright green foliage, light blue flowers, forms mounds. Good ground or bank cover. g.c. — 90¢. Flats to order only.

**SALVIA (Sage)**—Many varieties, some tall, some short, mostly blue or lavender flowers in slender spikes, bloom summer and fall.

*azurea grandiflora*—light blue flowers, 3-4 feet. g.c.

*farinacea Blue Bedder*—2½ feet mid-blue flowers with white woolly calyx and foliage which gives unusual effect. Fts., g.c.

§*officinalis*—the sweet herb or cooking sage, to 2 feet, somewhat white woolly, purple flowers. 3's.

*patens*—to 2½ feet, flowers deep blue. 4's.

*uliginosa*—to 6 feet, loose spikes of azure-blue, very effective with golden-rod in fall, should be divided every other year or will be invasive. g.c.

§**SANTOLINA chamaecyparissus** (Lavender Cotton)—stiff shrub to 2 feet high and wide with silvery grey foliage and yellow buttonflowers, mostly used as hedge or for grey foliage accent. Flats — \$4.50. g.c.

§**SATUREJA montana** (pygmaea) (Winter Savory)—neat green subshrub to 12 inches, white flowers. Used for seasoning soups and meat dishes. 3's, 4's.

*intricata*—trailing, with dark green small leaves and delicate pink tiny flowers June-August. A dainty and charming plant. 4's — 70¢.

**SCABIOSA caucasica House's Hybrids**—to 2½ feet, May-November, excellent cut flower, large lavender and blue flowers on long stems. g.c. — 90¢.

*pink*—probably a form of the sweet Scabious which is generally treated as an annual, but this plant has shown itself very hardy and definitely perennial here. A lovely soft pink, about 2 feet, good cut flower. g.c.

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- †**SEDUM amecanecanum**—dwarf, hardy light green succulent with yellow flowers in spring. Excellent drought-resistant ground cover. Flats.
- Sieboldii** — dwarf trailer with handsome bluish grey foliage margined red, with rose-pink flowers in August-September. Foliage and stems give excellent ruddy fall coloring. Good pot plant. 4's.
- spectabile** — fine hardy succulent with light green thick leaves, 1-1½ feet high, flowers soft pink in large flat heads, August-September, part shade or sun. g.c.
- spectabile Brilliant**—same as above only flower heads brilliant rose-red, excellent with greys or blues. Sun or part shade. 4's — 70¢.
- SENECIO cineraria**—handsome silver grey foliage on 2 foot plants. Good contrast in garden. g.c. — 90c.
- Greyii**—to 4 feet, evergreen grey foliage plant. g.c. — \$1.00.
- leuchostachys**—about 1½ feet with creamy yellow flower heads in summer, foliage very grey to almost white, much cut and divided. One of the handsomest greys. g.c. — 90¢.
- SHASTA DAISY**—see *Chrysanthemum maximum*.
- \***SILENE maritima**—prostrate, trailing, light green foliage, white flowers, April-October. g.c.
- \***SOLIDAGO Golden Wings**—4-6 feet, golden rod, late summer and fall, produce handsome plumes of golden yellow. Divide every other year as it increases rapidly, sun or part shade. g.c.
- SOLIDASTER luteus**—the cream yellow many-flowered heads resemble small Michaelmas Daisies, 1½ to 2 feet, late summer to fall, needs staking. g.c.
- STACHYS lanata** (Lamb's Ears)—intensely grey woolly large leaves, low-growing. Bare root — .06¢. g.c.
- STATICE** (botanically *Limonium*) (Sea Lavender)—July-September.
- latifolia**—1½ feet, lavender-blue sprays of flowers. g.c.
- Perezii**—2 feet, foliage large and handsome, flower sprays blue, large, closer knit, tender. g.c.
- STOKESIA cyanea** (Stokes Aster)—1-1½ feet, large double lavender-blue flowers in profusion June-September. Good cut. g.c.
- ‡**TEUCRIUM chamaedrys** (Germander)—to 1 foot, glossy green foliage, excellent for low hedge, spikes of rose flowers in fall. Fts., g.c.
- \***THALICTRUM**—soft fern-like foliage, shade or sun and plenty of moisture. All are excellent cut.
- diptercarpum**—3-4 feet, graceful tall plant for shade, flowers in airy sprays of lilac-mauve from July-October. 4's.
- glaucum**—3-4 feet, attractive blue-grey foliage with feathery clusters of yellow fragrant flowers in summer. g.c. — 80¢.
- †§**THYMUS** (Thyme)—Creeping and sub-shrubby useful plants for ground covers, walls, banks. Full sun. 3's, Flats (on order only) — \$5.00.
- SHRUBBY**—
- serpyllum argenteus**—silver variegated, turns deep ruddy color in winter.
- vulgaris**—the regular cooking thyme, a neat small leaved shrublet to 8 inches with lavender flowers.
- TRAILING AND CREEPING**—
- serpyllum** (Mother of Thyme)—to 6 inches, lavender-blue flowers in summer, good for flavoring.

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*serpyllum albus*—2 inches, very flat, white flowers.

*serpyllum coccineus*—2-3 inches, bright carmine-red flowers.

*serpyllum lanuginosus*—2-3 inches, grey woolly foliage, very flat, seldom flowers.

*serpyllum Purdy's var.*—3-4 inches, very vigorous and spreading, good ground cover, lavender-pink flowers.

*serpyllum Reiter's Var.*—2 inches, very flat and tiny leaved with tiny deep rose flowers in profusion.

**TRACHELIUM** *coeruleum*—to 2 feet, an old-timer too long neglected with large heads of blue flowers in late summer. May not survive severe frosts such as winter of 1948-49. g.c.

\***TRADESCANTIA**—to 1½ feet, narrow-bladed foliage and dense umbels of flowers all summer and fall, part shade. g.c. — 90¢.

*Blue Stone*—soft rich medium blue.

*J. C. Weguelin*—pale azure-blue.

*Pauline*—pale rosy-mauve.

*Purple Dome*—deepest of all, glowing violet.

**VERBASCUM** (Mullein)—Coarse-growing, large woolly leaved plants with long spikes of flowers. Good among shrubs and at back of perennial plantings, to 6 feet. g.c.

*Miss Willmott*—creamy-white flowers.

*olympicum*—golden-yellow flowers.

†**VERBENA** *pulchella* (*Verbena erinoides*)—purple-blue verbena heads all summer and fall, good ground cover, does not winter-kill, but may look shabby in cold winters. Available after May first. Fts.

*pulchella Maonetti*—rose-pink, candy striped white. 4's.

**VERONICA**—Some of our most effective blue-flowering plants. Foliage clean and attractive, shear flower spikes as finished for additional bloom.

*Blue Spire*—2-2½ feet, glorious dark blue spikes in summer. g.c.

*Crater Lake Blue*—to 1½ feet, intense "Crater Lake" blue, late spring and summer. 4's — 70¢.

†*filiformis*—emerald green mat of tiny rotund leaves, dotted in spring with tiny palest blue-lavender flowers, the whole 1 inch. Sun or shade. Good ground cover, with moisture. On order only.

*holophylla littoralis*—to 1½ feet, large shining green foliage and fat spikes of intense indigo blue, one of the most interesting we have seen. g.c.

*incana*—silvery rosettes of foliage, blue spikes. g.c.

*rupestris*—creeping, to 6 inches, pale-blue spikes. 4's.

*spicata*—1½-2 feet, spikes of lilac blue in summer, sun, divide every two years. g.c.

*teucrium Sky Blue*—neat emerald green foliage, with 10-12 inch stems bearing spires of pure sky-blue. 4's — 70c.

†**VINCA**—sun or shade, good green foliage, one of most reliable ground covers. \$7.00 per flat of 100. Bare root \$6.00 per 100.

*minor*—see note on ground covers.

*minor alba*—white form.

*minor alpina*—wine-red, semi-double.

*minor Bowles Var.*—see note on ground covers.

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**\*VIOLETS**

1. *Prince of Wales*—fragrant, deep blue purple. Flats.
2. *Confederate*—flowers white, large, veined heavily with lilac-mauve. Seeds very freely and may become pest.
3. *papilionacea*—flowers long-stemmed, deep violet. Our stock is limited. 4's — 70¢.

**ZAUSCHNERIA** (*California Fuchsia*)—

*latifolia Etteri*—new with us this year. A California native of great merit. Handsome silvery grey foliage and the typical scarlet fuchsia-like flowers in August. Very prostrate and very striking. Stock limited. 4's — 70¢

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